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Sri S. RAMALINGAM:—" இந்த மாகாணத்தின் சார்பாக அனுப்பப்பட்டிருந்தால் அவர்கள் எந்த அடிப்படையில் அனுப்பப் பட்டார்கள் ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" இது சம்பந்தமாக விவசாய இலாகாவின் அபிப்பிராயங்கள் கோரப்பட்டன. அந்த இலாகாவின் அதிகாரிகள் அந்தந்த இலாகாவிலுள்ள விவசாயத்தில் மிகவும் அக்கறை கொண்டுள்ள சிலருடைய பெயரைக் கொடுத்தார்கள். அவர்களைப் பொறுக்கி அனுப்பினோம்."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Is it a fact that at a recent meeting which was held under the auspice of this organization in Rajaji Hall, the Central Minister Sri A. P. Jain strongly criticised the membership of this Committee and the way in which the organization was functioning in towns so that it could turn out no useful purpose? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am not aware of it."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" It is stated in the answer given by the Government and the paper placed on the table of the House that representative farmers of all States were asked to participate in the All-India Farmers' Convention held at New Delhi. May I know from the Hon. Minister how the representative character of the delegates who attended the Convention was determined and what was the criterion adopted to determine the representative character and who were the persons that attended the Conference from this State? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" About the personnel that attended from this State, I would like to have notice. About the representative character of the farmers, it was assessed in consultation with the officers concerned and other aspects."

Silver Railway Pass for M.L.As.

* 2285 *Q.*—Sri S. S. KOLKEBAIL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state when the Government will give effect to the Resolution of the House Committee that the M.L.As. should be given a Silver Railway Pass just as Members of Parliament are given?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The matter is under consideration."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, may I know what is the policy of this Government in this matter? Did our Government request the Central Government to show some concession in the charges to be levied as far as Silver Passes are concerned? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The idea was first to ask the Central Government for the issue of free passes to all the Members. That, I do not think, the Central Government are likely to accept. Therefore, I have asked the Department to examine the financial implications of this proposal."

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DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Questions Nos. 2286, 2287 and 2288 may be taken up together."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" These questions may be taken up to-morrow as we have got no time to put supplementary questions."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" They may be taken up to-morrow."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In that case, Sir, some supplementary questions may be allowed on the previous question."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" All right."

9-20 a.m. SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" If the Central Government are not likely to grant the concession which we requested, will our Government take up the financial responsibility involved and grant free railway pass to the Assembly Members? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Only to know the financial commitment which we will have to incur if we issue free passes, I have asked the financial implications to be worked out."

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Railway finances are separate from the general revenues of the Government of India. The Government of India are transferring from their general revenues to the railway funds the fare for every journey performed by the Members of Parliament by utilizing the Silver Railway Passes. If the Government think that it is desirable and necessary to issue free railway pass to the Members of the Assembly, why should they not undertake to pay for the journeys performed by them by utilizing such passes? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" On that basis only I have asked the department to work out the financial commitment."

SRI A. RAMASAMI TEVAR :—" May I suggest that the Finance Minister should try and give free passes during his regime as Finance Minister so that he may earn a very good name from the Members of the Assembly? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not want to be selfish; let some other person take the credit for it."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister assure us that a favourable decision will be taken very early, at least before the expiry of the life of this House? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no expiry of the life of this House. This House will continue as long as the present Constitution lasts."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" The question is about ' Silver Railway Pass '. But we are having only the Indian Railway. So will the Government take steps to give us Indian Railway Pass? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" 'Silver Railway Pass' is only a technical term."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE DEPUTY SPEAKER.

MESSAGES FROM THE COUNCIL.

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House the following messages, dated the 24th August 1955, received from the Hon. the Chairman, Madras Legislative Council :—

" 1. In accordance with Rule 130 of the Madras Council Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Marumakkathayam (Removal of Doubts) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 12 of 1955), as passed and agreed to by the Council on the 24th August 1955 without any amendment and signed by me.

2. In accordance with rule 130 of the Madras Council Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Sales of Motor Spirit Taxation Amendment Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 22 of 1955) as passed and agreed to by the Council on the 24th August 1955 without any amendment and signed by me.

3. In accordance with rule 130 of the Madras Council Rules, I return the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge) Amendment Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 24 of 1955); as passed by the Legislative Council on the 24th August 1955 without any recommendation and signed by me.

4. In accordance with rule 130 of Madras Council Rules, I transmit a copy of the Pudukottai (Settlement of Inams) Bill, 1955 (L.A Bill No. 25 of 1955), as passed and agreed to by the Council on the 24th August 1955 without any amendment and signed by me.' "

III.—STATEMENT UNDER RULE 40 OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES *RE* HARDSHIP CAUSED TO AGRICULTURISTS DUE TO INADEQUATE SUPPLY OF WATER IN VADAVAR AND GRAND ANICUT CANALS.

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri P. Venkatesha Sholagar will now call the attention of the Government to a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the hardship caused to agriculturists due to inadequate supply of water in Vadavar and Grand Anicut Canals.' 9–34 a.m.

* SRI P. VENKATESHA SHOLAGAR :—" கனம் உப சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, காவிரி மேட்டூர் பிராஜெக்ட் பாசனப் பிரதேசத்தில் குறைந்த அளவு தண்ணீர் பரந்த விஸ்தீரணத்திற்குப் பாய்வதற்கான முறையிலே அமைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதிலும் குறிப்பாக நிரந்தரமாக கொடுக்கப் படக்கூடிய அளவுக்குள்ள தண்ணீரை தாற்காலிகமாக பல இடங்களுக்குக் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. 1946–47-லே வழக்கமாக பாயவேண்டிய பல இடங்களுக்கு அதிகமாக மேற்பட்டு தண்ணீர் உபயோகப்படுத்தப்பட்டிருக் கிறது. மேட்டூரிலிருந்து ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட அளவு தண்ணீர் ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட அளவு எக்கரா விஸ்தீரணமுள்ள நிலத்திற்குப் பாய்வதற்காக விடப்படு கிறது. தாற்காலிகமாக பாயவேண்டிய சில இடங்களுக்கு அதிகமாக விடப் படுவதில்லை. ஒரு கன அடி அளவுக்கு நீர்த்தேக்கத்திலிருந்து விடப்படும் தண்ணீர் 73 எக்கருக்குப் பாயவேண்டியிருக்கிறது. சில சமயங்களில் 130 முதல் 160 எக்கரா பாய்வதற்கு ஏற்பாடுகள் செய்கிறார்கள். நிரந்தரமாக சில ஆயக்கட்டுகளுக்கு உள்ள தண்ணீர் தாற்காலிகமாக சில இடங்களுக்கும் பாயவேண்டிய நிலைமை ஏற்பட்டுவிட்டது. அதனால் தண்ணீர் போதாமல் விவசாயிகளின் நிலைமை மிகவும் கவலைக்கிடமாக இருக்கிறது. மேட்டூர் அணையில் தண்ணீர் குறைந்துவிட்டது, நாங்கள் என்ன செய்வது என்று